

CAPITAL NOW ENJOYING PEACE

LEGISLATORS HURRIEDLY LEAVE
SANTA FE FOR THEIR
HOMES.

WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY

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MANY TERRITORIAL LAWS
BEING AMENDED.

COUNCIL STOOD LIKE ROCK

MANY BILLS LOST OUT IN UPPER
HOUSE IN SPITE OF
HARD FIGHTS.

Special to The Optic.

Santa Fe, N. M., March 20.—The 1909 session of the New Mexico legislature is over. Most of the members departed for their homes yesterday afternoon and last night, while a few will remain over Sunday to visit friends and to confer with Governor Curry regarding conditions in their respective counties.

The session just closed has been a notable one in that it witnessed the hardest fight on several bills New Mexico has seen in many years. Included in these bills were the local option liquor measures, bill providing for the publishing of the revised statutes and the railroad commission bill. For the past three weeks the house wrestled with the last three measures and during the closing days passed each one. But when the bills reached the council there was nothing doing. While the governor and party leaders used every effort to get the bills through the legislative mill, their work was of no avail and the measures were allowed to die in committee.

The bickering between the house and the council which prevailed more or less during the entire session ended a few days before adjournment in a compromise. The council had a little the best of it, but the house was given satisfaction on the main point of its contention, as the appropriation bill passed almost as originally presented in the lower body.

The council had a habit of amending almost every house bill sent to it for concurrence and this became so chronic that trouble of such a nature as to block or defeat important legislation, came near taking place. But the house caught on to the council's game and returned tit for tat by re-constructing or amending council bills sent to it for passage.

The thirty-eighth assembly broke a few records. The long distance and multiple talk records were shattered to smithereens. In spite of the differences existing between members of the house at various times during the session, which became acute two days before final adjournment, all got together the remaining two days and worked in harmony in an effort to clean up the calendar. As chairman of the committee on judiciary, easily the most important one, and as a member of other committees, Representative C. J. Roberts of Colfax county, especially did effective work all during the session.

But Roberts' greatest work was done during the last week, when as chairman of the all important steering committee, he made possible the passage of a great many important bills, which but for his labors and the labors of other members of this committee, would have gone astray or gotten lost in the shuffle. Mr. Roberts was the brains of the house, so to speak, and as a member of the lower body of the legislature, not only the people of Colfax county, but those of the whole territory, had a conscientious and hard working representative. But it would not be just to stop here. The story of the lower house is not complete, unless mention is made of the splendid success of a member of the minority, the democrats. To representative Brice of Carlsbad, Eddy county, goes the honor of passing the most bills

which became laws by signature of the governor. And they are all good laws, too, as evidenced by the support given them by the republican majority in both houses. Among the democrats who ably seconded the efforts of the republican leaders to make the session a success were Baker, first, then Mullens of Chaves; Davidson of Grant, Moffett of Otero. In summing up it might well be said that Roberts of Colfax on the republican side, and Brice of Eddy for the democrats were the two biggest men developed by this session of the legislature. Roberts is a fighter, quick-witted, able and broad-minded enough to form material for real leadership. Brice, while of a quiet demeanor, is a keen lawyer and what he lacked in oratory he made up in work. The party leaders believe that in Roberts they have a future standard bearer and it is not too much to say that if he is returned to the legislature two years hence he will be the logical candidate for speaker, or if sent to the council, president of the upper body.

Julian Chaves, of Sierra county. (Continued on Page 3.)

Earthquake Shock in Spain.
Barcelona, Spain, March 20.—An earthquake shock was felt in Catalonia province at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

GOVERNOR CANNOT LEAVE TERRITORY WITHOUT CONSENT

SECRETARY OF INTERIOR RULES
THAT TERRITORIAL OFFICERS
MUST STAY AT POSTS.

Order Intends to Put an End to Officials Going to Washington to Lobby for Statehood and Pet Measures.

Washington, March 20.—Territorial officers in New Mexico, Arizona and other territories will receive a shock in a few days when they receive an official order from Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, informing them that in future they must remain in their territories, except in cases of emergency.

Secretary Ballinger called at the white house today and the contemplated order received the approval of President Taft. The order intends to put an end to the governors and other territorial officials coming to Washington during sessions of congress, spending many months there lobbying for their measures or for statehood.

MAN KILLED IN DUEL ON TRAIN IN TEXAS

Clarendon, Tex., March 20.—An unidentified man is dead, and Floyd Autrey of Fort Worth is dying here as the result of a three cornered fight with revolvers on a Fort Worth & Denver train near Giles, Tex., today. Autrey and his cousin, Fred Garrett, of Fort Worth, killed the third participant in the fight and threw the body out of the coach window. Autrey is in the hospital here and Garrett is in custody.

WILL GIVE ANYTHING FOR RETURN OF CHILD

Sharon, Pa., March 20.—Sobbing and crying, James P. Whitlaw, father of the kidnaped boy, broke down today when no word was received from the abductors and in a statement to the Associated Press he said he wanted to impress on every one interested in the recovery of his boy that all he wanted was to see the boy safe back home. He said he was ready to pay the \$10,000 ransom any time and had authorized agents to pay over the money. Although every clue is being run down, nothing developed to give the searchers the slightest ray of hope.

House Warming.
The housewarming by the E. Romero Hose and Fire company at its new station on Bridge street tonight will be a merry social affair. It will be attended by a number of Eastside fire-fighters.

THREE SLAIN IN BLOODY AFFRAY

ANOTHER SHOOTING SCRAPE OCCURRED LAST NIGHT IN CITY OF RATON.

ALL VICTIMS ARE ITALIANS

MURDERER KILLS COUSIN AND HIS SISTER-IN-LAW AND IS KNIFED BY HUSBAND.

WOMAN SHOT WITHOUT CAUSE

DI JULIO PUT BULLET THROUGH ABDOMEN OF FIRST VICTIM THEN FOLLOWED HIM.

Special to The Optic.

Santa Fe, Meh 20.—Three are dead as the result of a shooting at Raton last night. Antonio Di Julio, an Italian, meeting his cousin, Bartolo, on the street, shot him in the abdomen. Bartolo ran in the house of his brother, Francisco Bartolo, and threw himself on a couch with his face down while Mrs. Francisco Bartolo ran in him.

Antonio opened the door and shot down Mrs. Bartolo, the bullet entering her head and killing her instantly. Her husband, enraged at this, sought Antonio with a dagger and killed him as he was leaving the premises. Bartolo died later of his injuries at the hospital.

The family had been in Raton four years and the men were employed as coke pullers. There had been bad blood between Antonio and Bartolo for some time.

No Truth in Rumor.

Washington, March 20.—The wide spread rumor that Vice President Sherman met with an accident was refuted today by the receipt of a message from him saying that he was at his home in Utica.

TWO PRISONERS RECAPTURED AND TWO RECEIVE PARDONS

Special to The Optic.

Santa Fe, Meh 20.—Governor Curry today pardoned two prisoners serving life terms in the territorial penitentiary. Jesus Martinez and Jose D. Garcia were the ones to receive clemency at the hands of the executive.

The pardon recalls the horrible crime committed twelve years ago in Union county, for which they were convicted. Together with Eligio Arguello and Raymundo Quintana, they waylaid a Chinaman for the purpose of robbing him. The Celestial put up a stiff fight with the result that he was beaten to death with clubs.

They were arrested, convicted and sentenced in 1897 to prison for life. All were boys at the time, the oldest being but 15 years of age. Governor Otero later commuted the sentence of Quintana to ten years.

Escaped Prisoners Returned.
Josiah Wilson, the trusty at the territorial penitentiary, who escaped on Thursday night, breaking into the house of Assistant Superintendent Garrett and exchanging his prison garb for a suit of clothes, was captured last night at Glorieta by Demetrio Baca, a ranchman. He was returned to the prison today.

Wilson confessed to Superintendent Green that he was an escaped convict from the Kansas state prison at Lansing, where he was sent to serve a sentence for burglary in 1906. He escaped in 1907. He was sent to the Kansas penitentiary under the name of J. S. Gale. When he completes his term in the New Mexico penitentiary, he will be turned over to the Kansas authorities.

Another escaped convict, John Williams, who took French leave from the territorial penitentiary last January, was captured yesterday at Midland, Texas, and is now on his way back to Santa Fe in charge of an officer. Williams' escape was sensational. He feigned sickness and as a consequence was not compelled to stand in the door of the cell house when the prisoners were checked in at night. He rigged up a dummy and placing this in his bed hid out and then made his escape from the prison yard at night by scaling the wall. His ruse fooled the guards completely.

SCRAP HEAP LEFT OF TRAIN

TERRIBLE WRECK ON COLORADO AND SOUTHERN AT COMO.

ENGINEER LOSES HIS LIFE

SIXTEEN LOADED CARS GET BEYOND CONTROL GOING DOWN STEEP GRADE.

RUNS WILD FOR SEVEN MILES

TRAIN GOING NINETY MILES AN HOUR WHEN IT JUMPS TRACK.

Como, Colo., Meh 20.—An ore train on the Colorado & Southern, composed of sixteen loaded cars, got beyond control, while going down a steep grade from Engress pass last night and jumped the track at a sharp curve while going at the rate of 90 miles an hour.

Engineer Buck Schwartz, who stuck to his engine in a heroic effort to stop the train, was instantly killed, his head being almost severed from his body. Other members of the train crew jumped, and escaped with minor bruises.

So great was the momentum of the train when it left the track that the cars and engine piled in a heap of scrap, forty feet from the right-of-way. When Engineer Schwartz realized that the train was beyond his control, he grasped the whistle cord and all the way down the seven miles of steep grade the engine gave out a shrill note of warning. Schwartz went to his death with the cord in his hand.

Big Yield of Cotton.

Washington, March 20.—Running bales of cotton, numbering 13,408,841, of the average gross weight of 505.8

pounds, all equivalent to 12,563,942,500 pound bales with 27,587 ginneries operating, was the final report of the census bureau today on the cotton grown in 1908.

Hayward Declines Office.

Nebraska City, March 20.—A telegram from Washington says that Judge William Hayward, who was tendered the position of first assistant postmaster general, has declined the place and will remain secretary of the republican national committee.

Catastrophe in Naval Yards.

Barrow in Furness, England, March 20.—The gangway connecting the battleship Vanguard with the wharf collapsed today. Fifty workmen were precipitated to the dock. Three were killed and forty injured.

President Again at Home.

Washington, March 20.—President Taft arrived in Washington from New Haven this morning and was immediately driven to the White House in Taft's automobile.

Rupp Made Alderman.

The republicans at Trinidad, Colo., have renominated Col. D. L. Taylor for mayor of the city and W. G. Rupp, formerly of Las Vegas, has been nominated for alderman from the fourth ward.

SERBIA AGREES TO DISARM ON ADVICE FROM THE POWERS

ALARM OVER POSSIBILITY OF
WAR NOW SUBSIDING
RAPIDLY.

Country Considers Action of Nations to Be Guaranteed and That She Has No Reason to Fear Armed Attack.

St. Petersburg, Meh 20.—The Belgrade correspondent of the Bourse Gazette says in a dispatch that M. Milovanovich, the foreign minister, told him today that Serbia had accepted the advice of the powers to disarm. Serbia considers the action of the powers to be a guarantee and she no longer has reason to fear an armed attack from any source.

Alarm Subsiding.

Belgrade Meh 20.—Alarm over the possibility of war with Serbia and Austria-Hungary, is subsiding rapidly and there is reason to believe that the peaceful settlement of the controversy is now only a question of hours.

Inspection April 12th.

Troop A cavalry of this city will be inspected on the evening of April 12th. The men will be in olive drab uniforms and in heavy marching order. Service hats will be worn and the men must have tan shoes. The adjutant general, R. A. Ford, and possibly the governor, will accompany the inspecting officer on his visit to this city.

BRINGS SUIT AGAINST HIS BROTHER'S SLAYER

Roswell, N. M., March 20.—Frank Shirley, as administrator of the estate of his brother, Ollie F. Shirley, today brought suit against W. T. Wells, a wealthy property owner, asking judgment for \$17,000 actual and exemplary damages, for the killing of his brother March 9. Wells shot Shirley in a dispute over labor troubles and is under bonds now awaiting the action of the grand jury. It is reported that the American Federation of Labor will have one of the foremost lawyers in the country here to assist in the prosecution of Wells.

DISMISS CHARGES AGAINST SENATOR

Washington, March 20.—Attorney General Wickersham today directed the dismissal of those persons against whom it is still pending, of the indictment secured by the former United States district attorney of Idaho, Norman E. Ruick, against Senator Bohrah, members of the Barber Lumber company and others for conspiring to defraud the United States of certain timber lands in Boise county, Idaho.

JURY FINDS BOTH MEN GUILTY

TWENTY YEARS' IMPRISONMENT
FOR COLONEL DUNCAN AND
ROBIN COOPER.

DEFENDANTS TAKE APPEAL

CLAIM THAT VERDICT OF DISAGREEMENT WAS RETURNED
IN COURT YESTERDAY.

BOTH ARE NOW OUT ON BOND

JURORS WERE LOOKING TIRED
AND LEFT COURT ROOM AS
SOON AS DISCHARGED.

Nashville, Meh 20.—After being out since Wednesday night the jury in the Cooper murder trial this morning brought in a verdict finding Colonel Duncan Cooper and his son Robin, guilty of murder in the second degree and fixing the penalty at twenty years' imprisonment. The Coopers were tried for the murder of former United States Senator E. W. Carmack. The court fixed the bond at \$25,000 pending an appeal.

The defendants took the verdict coolly, almost without emotions. Mrs. Burch and Mrs. Wilson, the two young daughters of Colonel Cooper, were brave, and aside from tearful eyes, restrained their emotions. The jurors were tired looking and disheveled, and when the court dismissed them, the entire twelve sprang from their seats as one man and hurriedly left the court room.

The jury yesterday acquitted John D. Sharpe, co-defendant. The defense immediately moved to set aside the verdict because of the verdict of disagreement yesterday and asked the court to declare it a mistrial.

Judge Hart said he would listen to arguments on this motion later. The verdict, coming as it did upon the heels of Foreman Burke's declaration yesterday that "We are hopelessly tied up as to the Coopers" was a decided surprise.

The jurors are not inclined to talk, but one of them said that on the first ballot, John Sharpe was acquitted and the conspiracy theory was disregarded. This same ballot stood six for guilty of murder in the first degree with mitigating circumstances, five for murder in the second degree with twenty years, as the maximum penalty and one for acquittal. Ballots all day Wednesday and Thursday showed this result. Yesterday the man who voted for acquittal went over to murder in the second degree, but demanded that only ten years be assessed. Early this morning he agreed to twenty years and the six who were voting for a first degree verdict, agreed to this verdict.

ARIZONA NOW HAS LOCAL OPTION LAW

Phoenix, Meh 20.—Not until yesterday did the Arizona legislature finally adjourn, having worked all night over the public institutions improvement bill. This was cut down heavily by the council. The total of all appropriations was left at \$650,000, which will cause a raise of 35c on the present territory tax rate of 75c on the \$100 valuation.

Bills passed include those for the creation of a railroad commission; a territorial good roads department; local option by a majority vote, municipalities to have separate vote if demanded; creating the office of territorial historian; exempting new railroads from taxation if notice be filed in fifteen days.

All railroad legislation failed. Woman suffrage was defeated as was the employers' liability bill, urged by the unions, but vetoed by the governor leveled only against corporations employers. The separate new school bill was passed over the governor's veto.